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The prior art submitted on September 25, 2006 prior to the notice of allowance has been entered into the file. The prior art has been considered not to be anticipatory as well as the prior art does not suggest or motivate one of ordinary skilled in the art to employ the process conditions as set forth in the allowed claim(s). There is no suggestion for the claimed processes whereby an additive is added in the series of process steps whereby there is an unexpected improvement in the amount of crystallized epothilone B is increased compared to the amount of epothilone A produced in the mixture due to the additive. The references do not disclose the claimed processes which claims are patentable over the art of record.

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